

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

DAILY NEWS, LP; CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
COMPANY, LLC; ORLANDO SENTINEL  
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC;  
SUN-SENTINEL COMPANY, LLC; SAN  
JOSE MERCURY-NEWS, LLC; DP MEDIA  
NETWORK, LLC; ORB PUBLISHING, LLC;  
AND NORTHWEST PUBLICATIONS, LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, OPENAI,  
INC., OPENAI LP, OPENAI GP, LLC,  
OPENAI, LLC, OPENAI OPKO LLC,  
OPENAI GLOBAL LLC, OAI  
CORPORATION, LLC, OPENAI  
HOLDINGS, LLC,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:24-cv-03285-SHS

Hon. Sidney H. Stein

**DECLARATION OF ROBERT A. VAN  
NEST JR. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO  
ADMIT COUNSEL *PRO HAC VICE***

I, Robert A. Van Nest, Jr., pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1746, declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am a member of the law firm of Keker, Van Nest & Peters LLP.
2. I submit this declaration in support of my Motion to Admit Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* in the above-captioned matter.
3. I have been a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of California since November 29, 1978.
4. I attach a Certificate of Good Standing from the State of California, which was issued within thirty days of this filing, as Exhibit A to my Motion to Admit Counsel *Pro Hac Vice*.
5. I have never been convicted of a felony or been the subject of any criminal conviction.
6. I have never been censured, suspended, disbarred or denied admission or readmission by any court.
7. I have never been the subject of a disciplinary sanction and there are no disciplinary proceedings presently pending against me.

Wherefore your declarant respectfully submits that he be permitted to appear as counsel *Pro Hac Vice* in this one case on behalf of Defendants OpenAI, Inc., OpenAI LP, OpenAI GP, LLC, OpenAI, LLC, OpenAI OpCo, LLC, OpenAI Global, LLC, OAI Corporation, LLC, and OpenAI Holdings, LLC.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 4, 2024

/s/ Robert A. Van Nest, Jr.

ROBERT A. VAN NEST, JR.